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- (1) CN 1313643 A, September 19, 2001; Applicants note that this document is a family member of:
- (2) JP 2001-236947, August 31, 2001, accompanied by an English language abstract thereof (provided by Patent Abstracts of Japan); and
- (3) U.S. 2001/0019797 A1 (KEZUKA et al.), September 6, 2001.

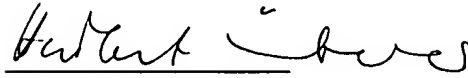
A copy of the title page of document (1) and copies of the above-listed document (2) and the Chinese Office Action for Chinese Application 03159371.2, accompanied by an English translation thereof, are enclosed together with a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the next official communication.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,
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